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Art Unit 2834 Examiner T. Dougherty

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 10/050,586; Filed: January 18, 2002

Piezoelectric Element and Method of Manufacturing Same

Inventors:

OIU et al.

Our Ref:

1089.0350001/DKSC/TUM

Sir:

Further to Applicants' representative's telephone conversation of March 10, 2603 with Examiner Dougherty, enclosed are copies of the following documents that were originally filed on January 18, 2002:

- Date stamped postcards (2): 01/18/02; 1.
- Preliminary Amendment; 2.
- Request to Approve Proposed Drawing Correction with a copy of FIG. 3 with 3. proposed correction marked in red; and
- 4. Return postcard.

In view of the foregoing, please inform us as to whether the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2003 will be withdrawn.

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44 pages of description prior to the claims; ii. 8 pages of claims (29 claims); and iii. a one (1) page abstract; b. 15 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1, 2, 3(A)-3(E) and 4-15); and c. a copy of the executed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, as originally filed in

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 - Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
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Preliminary Amendment

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Please enter the following amendment into the application prior to the examination thereof. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry; and
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Please amend the captioned application as follows:

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In the Title:

Please substitute the following Title of the Invention for the pending Title of the Invention: A Piezoelectric Element and Method of Manufacturing Same